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This comment is about the general nature of debate for Digital Broadcast Copy Protection.

Somehow, you have skipped the first step in this debate. Without much fanfare you have decided that because the MPAA and other content providers are saying that if you don't provide copyright protection they would be 'reluctant' to provide content.

In reply, I would say to them, "too bad, TV broadcast is by its very nature unprotected. If you won't provide content, others will."

The FCC is not beholden to the MPAA, it is beholden to the general public. And I believe I speak for most people when I say that my right to tape a show, trade that tape with friends, archive it for later viewing, ect is more valuable to me, than the fact that movies may arrive a couple of months later.

I firmly believe that TV needs to not have any more copyright protection added than it already enjoys. I also believe that once the system is in place, the MPAA will be providing movies for it. They see a chance to assert their influence, to try to game the system to their benefit before the digital TV system is in place. Your job is to protect usage rights of the public, not the MPAA. Do not let yourself be swayed by vague threats of withholding content.

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